The Honorable Peter S. Winokur  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in reference to your June 11, 2012, letter regarding the Transuranic Waste Treatment Facility (TWF) Project at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Your letter provided Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) concerns on the TWF project preliminary design and requested a report and briefing within 60 days to address the Board’s concerns.

In order to develop a response that adequately addresses the Board’s concerns, the National Nuclear Security Administration and LANL need an additional 60 days beyond the requested 60-day timeframe.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (202) 586-2179 or Mr. Michael A. Thompson, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Infrastructure and Construction, at (202) 586-5091.

Sincerely,

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